

PORTLAND'S *Rain* OF GLASS, INC.

A non-profit organization formed to stimulate interest in collectible glass and to provide educational resources and events for the members and the community at large.



MARCH

**WHERE: Friendship Masonic Center
5626 NE Alameda Street
Portland, Oregon 97213
N.E. 57th & Sandy**

**WHEN: Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
(Library open at 6:00 p.m.)**

**GREETERS: Michelle DeWitt and Lillian Hodges
(Come early to set up—6:00 p.m.)**



**SPEAKER: Ron Miller
on New Martinville's
"Moondrops"**

*Pictured at top is a Moondrops
Evergreen decanter, and pictured
above is the Moondrops butter
dish and cover in red.*

**PATTERN OF THE MONTH: "Confetti,"
by Homer Laughlin,
presented by Cindy Thomas**



*Pictured at left is a cup and saucer in the
Confetti pattern by Homer Laughlin.*

**HOSPITALITY: March Committee
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**BOARD MEETING: Tuesday,
March 10, 2009,
at the Friendship Masonic Center, 7:00 p.m.
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH:

- 1 – Picc-A-Dilly Flea Market, Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene
- 1 – Polk Flea Market, Rickreall
- 7-8 – Palmer/Wirfs Expo Show, EXPO Center
- 14-15 – So. Ore. Antiques & Collectibles, Medford Armory
- 15 – Salem Collectors Market, Salem Armory
- 22 – Picc-A-Dilly Flea Market, Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene
- 28-29 – Hillsboro Vintage Sale, Washington County Fairplex
- 28-29 – Roseburg's Spring Antiques & Collectibles Sale, Douglas County Fairgrounds

APRIL:

- 5 – Picc-A-Dilly Flea Market, Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene
- 5 – Polk Flea Market, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall

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In case of severe weather, please call Carole White's cell number, 503-901-0505 for updated information.

Portland's Rain of Glass, Inc.

publishes 12 newsletters a year.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

March Hospitality Committee: Kirsten Stensland, Barbara Dietz, Sue Frye, Doreen Smith, Macy Rock, Sandra Martin and Suzanne Pastori. Carole White will come early to start the coffee. Any other member that would like to bring snacks to share or help set-up or clean-up, please do!

If you have any questions, please contact
Jewell Gowan, 503-510-9137.



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MEMBERSHIP:

Portland's Rain of Glass Membership for one year is \$22.00 for individuals and \$8.00 for each additional member at the same address.

You may mail dues to: Cindy Thomas, Membership Chairman at 795 Corby St., Woodburn, OR 97071 or Friendship Masonic Center, 5626 NE Alameda, Portland, OR 97213 or bring payment to the next meeting.

Thank you, *Cindy, 503-481-5401,*
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OREGON CENTENNIAL SOUVENIRS with BONNIE “HATCHECK GIRL” LaDOE

Photo by Neal Skibinski



In honor of Oregon's Sesquicentennial, we thought it would be fun to look back at past celebrations, so PROG's February program consisted of Oregon commemorative souvenirs.

Oregon became the 33rd State on February 14, 1859. In 1959 President Eisenhower proclaimed Oregon's 100th Anniversary.

Our own Bonnie LaDoe played a part at the Oregon Statehood Banquet, the kickoff dinner for the Oregon Centennial on February 14, 1959, in the lobby of the U.S. Bank building in downtown Portland.

Bonnie was working at U.S. Bank at the time, and she and all the other cute, young female employees were recruited to help at the banquet. Bonnie's job was as a hatcheck girl, and all the teller stations in the lobby were turned into coat/hatcheck stations. Bonnie showed a photo of the banquet, and it was a huge affair—so huge, in fact, that Bonnie's station didn't show that clearly, but we know she was there, right along with keynote speaker Richard Nixon!

Photo by Neal Skibinski

Oregon's Centennial theme was "Frontier of the Future," and there were celebrations throughout the state. The largest and most lavish was the Oregon Centennial Exposition and International Trade Fair held at what is now the Portland Expo Center in North Portland. The Exposition looked back at Oregon's past accomplishments and its frontier days through exhibits, cultural events, architecture and food. The Centennial was the largest fair held in the west since the 1939 Golden Gate Expo in San Francisco. There were 1,335,082 paid admissions.

Many companies had exhibits at the Centennial. Northwest Natural Gas had an eternal flame at the entrance of the Expo Center. Portland General Electric had a display in which Xerox showed the first photocopier. Frontier Village had saloons and dance hall girls. Portland's steam train and the Zoo Liner are from the Centennial.

The official Centennial emblem is found on many souvenirs. It has so many elements in it that it is easy to overlook their meaning. Among these are Products and Industries of Oregon, the State Seal, and a covered wagon reading "Frontier of the Future." Bonnie showed several different plates, cups & saucers and salt & peppers with the emblem. Bonnie also showed an unusual powder bowl featuring Oregon's old Capitol building. Johnson Brothers made red, blue and brown Lewis and Clark souvenir plates that were sold at Meier and Frank. Although they do look like the older Lewis & Clark plates, they are marked on the back. The Centennial bow ties were sold as souvenirs. There were also Jim Beam Centennial bottles. Sally Cole showed a set of Centennial tumblers in a cute wire holder.



Many of the official souvenir china items were made at Viletta's Art Studio in Roseburg, Oregon. And in fact, a group of Roseburg businessmen came up with the idea of sending a wagon train carrying mail from Independence MO to Oregon. It left in April of 1959 and arrived here in August 1959.

There were stage shows every day during the Centennial. Carole White's father played in the house band for all the traveling acts including Ricky Nelson and the Everly Brothers. Carole and her sister got to meet a lot of stars that summer! The Takarazuka Dance Theatre from Japan was part of the International Fair. Sandra Millius showed their souvenir program.

Centennial tokens were sold for \$1.00 and could be redeemed at the Expo for 50 cents, with the difference going to the various communities to mount their regional or neighborhood exhibits. One of the most notable of these is the 31' tall Paul Bunyon statue that still stands at the intersection of N. Denver and N. Interstate in the Kenton district.

To round out the display, Mark Moore brought commemoratives of the Lewis & Clark Expo and Oaks Park including postcards, glass and china, and Carole White brought Portland restaurant menus, glass and china.

written by Carole Bess White



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PROG'S FIRST ANNUAL MINI AUCTION

PROG held a mini auction at the February meeting both for a little fundraiser and a lot of fun. As always with an auction, you never know what things will go for, and there were clearly lots of bargains to be had. Our goal was 5 to 10 nice items, and we ended up with 20:

ITEM	DONOR	WINNER	PRICE
6 HIGHBALL GLASSES	BARBARA DIETZ	DICK HYDE-TOWLE	10.00
BIRDBATH OF RECYCLED MATERIALS	RICHARD COX	DOREEN SMITH	22.50
E.A.P.G. DECANTER	SANDRA MILLIUS	DONNA EDGAR	32.50
ELEMENTS DECORATIVE PIECE	CAROLE WHITE	ED MARTIN	57.50
FENTON BIRD FIGURINE	AL & CAROL CARDER	MAVIS CASE	10.00
FENTON EASTER BUNNY EGG CUP	CAROLE WHITE	SUZANNE LEMON	17.50
FENTON ROSE CREST BOWL	JEWELL GOWAN	DIANA JONES	20.00
FOSTORIA 1819 CREAM & SUGAR	KATE FULLER	LINDA BRADEN 1	2.50
FOSTORIA COIN BOWL	KAREN & JIM YOUNG	KAREN YOUNG	7.00
HAM LEFTOVER FROM DINNER	PROG	DIANA JONES	7.50
HAMMERED ALUMINUM TRAY 18"	CAROLE WHITE	BARBARA COLEMAN	15.00
HEISEY SUNFLOWER BOWL	JEWELL GOWAN	JACKIE SEARLES	20.00
OREGON CENTENNIAL POSTCARD	MARK MOORE	MARY ANN SPECNT	7.50
QUAKER LACE TABLECLOTH	MAVIS CASE	DICK HYDE-TOWLE	25.00
ROSE FESTIVAL 5 th ANNUAL POSTCARD	MARK MOORE	JACK BOOKWALTER	17.50
RUBY STAINED 1908 STATE FAIR CUP	MARK MOORE	JOY SHERVEY	17.50
THUMBPRINT VASE	BETTY CHISUM	ED MARTIN	6.00
VISTA HOUSE MEMORIAL POSTCARD	MARK MOORE	BARBARA COLEMAN	7.00
WESTMORELAND DOLPHIN CANDLESTICKS	CAROLE WHITE	DELENE HAAKE	30.00
WESTMORELAND ROCKER ICE BUCKET	CAROLE WHITE	JACKIE SEARLES	20.00
TOTAL			\$362.50

Thanks to all who donated the items and to all of our winners. And if you thought this auction was fun, just wait until the Convention auction on May 29th. It will be even more exciting!!



*Photos by
Neal Skibinski*



2009 Convention News

"For the Love of Glass" is the theme of the 17th annual PROG Convention. Mark these dates on your calendar:

Thursday, May 28th, Get Acquainted Dinner 6 to 9 pm. Speaker: Barbara Mauzy "Going Green With Glass"

Friday, May 29th - Barbara Mauzy: McKee Kitchenware; Bea Martin, Glass Perfume Bottles; Ray Bruneau, Mid-Century & Modern Italian Glass (with an able assist from Al Carder)

"Glass and Goodies Auction" Silent Auction – Friday until 6:45 pm with the Oral Auction beginning promptly at 7 pm. The Auction is free and you and your friends and family are invited. If you want to have dinner with us prior to the auction, arrive by 6:00 pm. Dinner is \$15 a plate. Expect some great surprises and some nice glass – along with other goodies – this year!

Saturday, May 30th: - Barbara Mauzy, McKee Kitchenware; Bea Martin, Perfume Lamps & Vanity Items.

You won't want to miss the Saturday brunch. Nor will you want to miss the Saturday afternoon tours and trips. Perhaps you will want to shop in the nearby Hollywood area antique shops. Or, you may want to visit a glass making studio or gallery. You might also want to tour The Grotto gardens. The Saturday evening Banquet begins at 6 pm.

Well, there is much to take in. I haven't even mentioned the Table Top Displays or the Book Fair, or...well, you will just have be there! All events at The Grotto Conference Center off 85th and NE Sandy Blvd, Portland. Our conference hotel is the nearby Airport Howard Johnson – where we have negotiated you a nice discount (applied at registration).

As noted, there is no charge for many of the events. You can register for one speaker lecture for \$10. You can register for one day or for both. Registration includes meals, speakers and all events. We have **not** raised the registration fee. PROG members get \$10 off. Early bird registration – prior to April 21 – earns a \$10 discount both for members and non-members.

If this sounds fun, please plan to join in. And, spread the word! If you want to contribute an item to be auctioned off or want to make a general contribution towards the event, please contact me. Questions? Please call Sandra at 503.282.3838 or email at sandramillius@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE!!

PORTLAND'S RAIN OF GLASS PRESENTS THE 17TH ANNUAL COLLECTOR'S

GLASS

CONVENTION & AUCTION

"FOR THE LOVE OF GLASS"

MAY 28, 29 & 30, 2009

Grotto Conference Center, 8840 NE Skidmore, Portland
ENTRANCE IS AT N.E. 85th & SANDY BLVD.

FEATURING:

BARBARA & JIM MAUZY, RENOWNED AUTHORS

- ◆ McKee Kitchenware
- ◆ Price Trends in Glass Collecting
- ◆ Glass Cake Plates

BEA MARTIN, NOTED COLLECTOR AND LECTURER

- ◆ Glass Perfume Lamps and Vanity Items
- ◆ Glass Perfume Bottles

AL CARDER & RAY BRUNEAU, EXPERT DEALERS AND LECTURERS

- ◆ Italian Glass: 20th Century and Beyond

EVENTS:

No-Host Get-Acquainted Dinner Thursday

GLASS & MORE AUCTION FRIDAY

- ◆ Antique & Collectible Glass
 - ◆ Goods & Services
 - ◆ Much More
- Silent Auction all day Friday Oral Auction begins Friday 7:00

Field Trip to Local Glassmakers' Studios Saturday

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In keeping with our strategy of having our Convention displays enhance the speakers' topics, we are planning three group display tables:

CAKE PLATES

- About 20 nice examples of glass cake plates from the 1920's through the 1980's.
- One nice glass sandwich plate (listed in a factory catalog as a sandwich plate, not a cake plate)
- One nice glass center-handled sandwich server

McKEE KITCHENWARE

- "Bell" bowls in a variety of sizes and colors (mixing bowls with fired-on colors)
- Lots of McKee colors: jade-ite, seville, black, white, chalaïne...etc.
- Nude vases (No. 100 triangle vase)
- Bottoms up tumblers with coaster base, and bottoms down mugs
- Variety of items: shakers, reamers, canisters, drippings jars, etc.

PERFUME & VANITY ITEMS

- Glass perfume & powder containers (non-commercial only, please)
- Glass manicure sets (non-commercial only, please)
- Glass vanity sets (non-commercial only, please)

Each of these displays is limited to a single table, so please inform Carole White (cbessw@aol.com, 503-282-0608) as early as possible if you plan to participate and what you would like to bring. We will set up the displays Thursday, May 28 from 1:00 through evening, so if you can't come before the Kickoff Dinner we can work in your glass after the talk. We will take down the displays beginning late Saturday afternoon and after the Saturday banquet.

WE GOOFED and WE'RE SO SORRY

Sally Cole accidentally left some of her things behind at the November meeting. She couldn't pick them up in December because we cancelled the meeting due to weather, and in early January the board held a work party to clean out our many storage areas. Unfortunately, none of us on the board were aware that these things were Sally's, and two of them were mislaid and we're not sure what happened to them. One of them was a teaspoon in Sally's stainless steel pattern, and the other was a McKee-like oval celery dish similar to the one pictured below, except that it has a flat rim. The celery dish may have ended up in one of the member grab boxes by mistake. If you happened to pick up either of these items at the January general meeting, please return them to us at the next meeting so we can return them to Sally. We apologize to Sally and to anyone who might now have these items.



*Photos provided by Sally Cole
and
Carole White*



